

POISON IN CABBAGE-SOUP.—A number of Russian peasants have been poisoned by *kohl*- or cabbage-soup, made from vegetables preserved in vessels which, on examination, proved to be coated internally with a very appreciable quantity of arsenic. The victims were treated with milk, and though for a time they were apparently in great danger, all recovered. No clue has been discovered as to the manner in which the arsenic found its way into the barrel of "*kohl*."

HEALTH EXHIBITION, YORK.—A meeting was held at York on the 17th inst., to consider the arrangements to be made for the Sanitary Congress and Health Exhibition to be held in the city in September next, by the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain. An influential deputation from the institute attended and spoke of the satisfactory results which had followed previous congresses. It was decided that the meetings should commence on September 21st, and that the exhibition shall remain open one month.

THE NOMENCLATURE OF BRAIN DISEASES.—In pursuance of a resolution passed at the Medical Congress on Brain Diseases, held during last summer at Antwerp, by which it was suggested that local conferences should be held to draw up trustworthy international tables of statistics on insanity, a conference of Austro-Hungarian specialists is to be held at Vienna with the object of revising and extending the nomenclature of mental disorders. Invitations to the conference have been issued by four leading medical men of Vienna.

A FRIVOLOUS OBJECTION.—The Paris Civil Tribunal has just decided a case in which Dr. Peyrol, head surgeon at the Hôtel Dieu, claimed 800 francs for extracting a bullet from a young lady who had accidentally shot herself. The claim was disputed on the ground that the plaintiff stated erroneously that the bullet was lodged in the right thigh. The tribunal overruled the plea, believing that it mattered very little whether the bullet was on the right or the left side so long as the patient's sufferings had been relieved, and judgment was consequently given for the plaintiff.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL.—The increased accommodation recently provided for nurses at the London Hospital, Whitechapel-road, E., now enables that institution to supply thoroughly trained nurses to private families. Nurses trained in the busy wards of this large hospital must have exceptional opportunities for gaining experience of a nature likely to render them specially efficient, and it is satisfactory to learn that the constantly increasing demands of the public for skilled home nursing are to be met by fresh efforts to maintain an adequate supply.

THE BLANE MEDALS.—The two gold medals founded by the late Sir Gilbert Blane, Bart., to be conferred, once in two years, on two medical officers of the Royal Navy who shall have delivered into office journals evincing the most distinguished proofs of skill, diligence, humanity and learning in the exercise of their professional duties while in medical charge of ships, have been awarded, by the Director-General of the Medical Department of the Navy, jointly with the Presidents of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, to Fleet-Surgeon Henry Scott Lauder and Surgeon Myles O'Connell McSwiny.

NORTH-WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.—The annual meeting of the members of this Association was held on the 11th inst. In the eleventh annual report, which was read and adopted, the committee congratulated the members on the increased usefulness of the Association, which continues to render good service to the public and to the profession. There are now thirty-seven members, twenty-seven associates, and four honorary members. Dr. G. H. Gornall (Warrington) was elected President for the year; Dr. W. H. Barr (Bury), Vice-President; Dr. Pettinger, Treasurer; and Mr. Vacher, Honorary Secretary.

A CHILD POISONED BY THE NURSE'S COSMETIC.—A German practitioner being called to see a child of five weeks old who was continually crying and suffering from colic, and whose skin was of a dull bluish tint, was somewhat puzzled as to diagnosis, until looking at the nurse's face, and seeing it of a brilliant white and red tint, he touched the surface, which left a greasy stain on his finger of a cosmetic rich in lead. This poisonous substance the nurse had long been in the habit of using for the purpose of improving her complexion. The cause of the child's colic being removed, and appropriate treatment adopted, a cure was effected in a few days.

Medical Appointments.

Intimations for this column must be sent DIRECT to the Office of THE LANCET before 9 o'clock on Thursday Morning at the latest.

- BROWNE, DANBY, L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Clunbury and Hopesay District of the Clun Union.
- CLAPP, ROBERT, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the Devon County Asylum.
- COOPER, AUSTIN N., F.R.C.S.I., has been appointed Medical Superintendent to the British Hospital, Buenos Ayres.
- CULLIN, RICHARD B., L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ed., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Tiverton District of the Tiverton Union.
- DODSON, ARTHUR E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ed., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Workhouse, Garratt-lane, of the Wandsworth and Clapham Union.
- ERSKINE, ROBERT, M.D., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Camborne District of the Redruth Union.
- GOODRIDGE, WILLIAM P. B., L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., has been appointed Surgeon-Superintendent in the Queensland Government Emigration Service.
- HOARE, WILLIAM, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ed., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Titchfield District of the Fareham Union.
- MAGGS, WILLIAM ADOLPHUS, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond., L.D.S.Eng., has been appointed Dental Surgeon to the North-West London Hospital, vice F. Newland Pedley, F.R.C.S.Eng., L.D.S., resigned.
- MAILE, C. E. DRAYSON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ed., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Seventh District of the Lexden and Winstree Union.
- MORTIMER, JOHN, M.B.Lond., has been appointed Surgeon-Administrator of Anæsthetics to the Dental Hospital of Exeter.
- PERRY, F. F., Bengal Medical Service, has been appointed Professor of Surgery and Anatomy to the Lahore Medical School, Punjab.
- PLATT, HENRY T., M.B., has been appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Preston Royal Infirmary, vice F. P. Maynard, M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., resigned.
- PRENDERGAST, J. M., M.D. Royal Univ., M.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Resident Physician to the Hertford British Hospital, Paris.
- ROPER, ARTHUR C., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Surgeon-Administrator of Anæsthetics to the Dental Hospital of Exeter.
- TISDALL, JOHN J., L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ed., has been appointed Medical Officer for the South Municipal District of the West Derby Union.
- WALKER, LAWRENCE NEWMAN, L.F.P.S. & L.M.Glas., L.S.A.Lond., has been appointed by the Cape Government District Surgeon and Public Vaccinator for Calvinia of the District of Clanwilliam, Western Province, South Africa.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

- HENDERSON.—On the 21st inst., at 6, Hampstead-lane, Highgate, London, the wife of A. Milne Henderson, M.D., of a daughter. Australian papers please copy.
- HOLMES.—On the 20th inst., at Priory House, Kew, the wife of Gordon Holmes, M.D., of a son.
- LUCAS.—On the 14th inst., at Bury St. Edmunds, the wife of R. H. Lucas, M.R.C.S., of twin boys.
- MAXWELL.—On the 23rd inst., at Lasswade, the wife of C. M. Maxwell, M.B., of a son.
- MORSE.—On the 16th inst., at Prince of Wales-road, Norwich, the wife of Thomas H. Morse, F.R.C.S.Eng., of a son.
- SHORE.—On the 22nd inst., at Hill Side, Crouch-hill, N., the wife of T. W. Shore, M.D., B.Sc., of a daughter (stillborn).

MARRIAGES.

- BREMNER—CLIFTON.—On the 17th inst., at Victoria-street Congregational Church, Derby, Alex. T. Bremner, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Leicester, to Constance Annie, second daughter of Frederick Clifton, of Derby.
- HARWOOD—ROBINSON.—On the 18th inst., at St. James's, Pokesdown, Bournemouth, Sweitzer Soutter Harwood, M.D. Univ. of Pennsylv., L.K.Q.C.P. & L.M.Irel., of Gordon House, Pokesdown, to Josepha, widow of John Mundell Robinson, of Edinburgh.
- SMART—WATSON.—On the 17th inst., at Ballancleroch, Stirlingshire, Robert Smart, M.D., of Glasgow, to Mary Anne Matilda, youngest daughter of the late William Leckie Ewing, of Arngomery, and widow of James Francis Watson, or Pitcairns, Perthshire.

DEATHS.

- BRONNER.—On the 19th inst., at Manor-row, Bradford, Yorks, Edward Bronner, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond., in his 64th year.
- COBBOLD.—On the 20th inst., at Portsdown-road, W., Thomas Spencer Cobbold, M.D., F.R.S., F.L.S., aged 57.
- GODFRAY.—On the 12th inst., at St. Helier's, Jersey, C. Le Vesconte Godfray, M.R.C.S., L.M., L.S.A.Lond., Surgeon to the General Hospital and Prison, son of the late Francis Godfray, Esq., Barrister-at-law and Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey.
- PARKIN.—On the 18th inst., at his residence, Codrington-place, Brighton, John Parkin, M.D., F.R.C.S., formerly H.M.'s Medical Inspector for Cholera in the West Indies, in his 86th year.
- WILLIAMSON.—On the 16th inst., at Rothesay-road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Francis Williamson, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., late Surgeon, Royal Navy, aged 32.

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BOOKS ETC. RECEIVED.

- BAILLIÈRE, TINDALL, & COX**, King William-street, Strand, London.
The Science and Practice of Surgery. By F. J. Gant, F.R.C.S. In 2 vols. Third Edition, revised and much enlarged throughout. pp. 1089—1183, profusely illustrated.
Mind your Eyes! Advice to the Short-sighted by their Fellow-sufferer, Francisque Sarcy. Translated by R. E. Dudgeon, M.D. pp. 87.
- BELL & SONS**, York-street, Covent-garden.
Westgarth Prize Essays on the Street-Re-alignment, Reconstruction, and Sanitation of Central London, and on the Re-housing of the Poorer Classes. pp. 276, with Maps.
- CASELL & CO.**, London, Paris, New York, and Melbourne.
A Manual of Surgery. In Treatises by various Authors. Edited by Frederick Treves, F.R.C.S. In 3 vols. pp. 576—620—648, with numerous Illustrations, 7s. 6d. each volume.
"Unicode": the Universal Telegraphic Phrasebook.
- CHURCHILL, J. & A.**, New Burlington-street, London.
A Manual of Midwifery. By A. L. Galabin, M.A., M.D., &c. pp. 807, with 227 Illustrations.
- DAVIS, G. S.**, Detroit, Michigan.
Select Extra-Tropical Plants readily eligible for industrial Culture or Naturalisation. By Baron F. von Mueller. pp. 449. New Victorian Edition of the same, revised and enlarged. pp. 466.
- GRIFFIN, C., & CO.**, Exeter-street, Strand, London.
A Short Manual of Chemistry. By A. Dupré, Ph.D. &c., and H. Wilson Hake, Ph.D. &c. Vol. I.: Inorganic Chemistry. pp. 365, with a coloured Plate.
- JOHNSTON, W. & A. K.**, Edinburgh & London.
A Practical Treatise on the Sputum. By G. Hunter Mackenzie, M.D. Edin. pp. 104, with Coloured Plates.
- KEGAN PAUL, TRENCH, & CO.**, Paternoster-square, London.
"All But": a Chronicle of Laxenford Life. By Pen Oliver, F.R.C.S. pp. 325, with 20 Illustrations by the Author. 6s.
- LEWIS, H. K.**, Gower-street, London.
Contributions to the Physiology and Pathology of the Breast and its Lymphatic Glands. By Chas. Creighton, M.D. pp. 222, with Illustrations.
Coca, Cocaine, and its Salts. By William Martindale, F.C.S. pp. 69.
- LONGMANS, GREEN, & CO.**, Paternoster-row, London.
Savouries à la Mode. By Mrs. de Salis. pp. 52.
- PUTNAM'S SONS**, New York & London.
How we treat Wounds to-day. By R. T. Morris, M.D. pp. 162.
- SAXON & CO.**, Bouverie-street, London.
Salambô of Gustave Flaubert. Englished by M. French Sheldon. pp. 421.
- SMITH, ELDER, & CO.**, Waterloo-place, London.
Dictionary of National Biography. Edited by Leslie Stephen. Vol. VI.: Bottomley—Browell. pp. 471.
- THOM & CO.** Dublin.
Calendar of the Royal University of Ireland for 1886.
- WOOD, WILLIAM, & CO.**, New York.
Practical Human Anatomy. By F. D. Wiese, M.D. pp. 456, with 222 lettered Plates.
- Transactions of the Michigan State Medical Society, 1885.—The Influence of Sex of Fœtus in Utero on length of Inter-gestation Period immediately following its Birth; by J. Stockton-Hough, M.D. (Wood, New York).—Four Cases of Abdominal Surgery; by J. Eastman, M.D.—The Parental Don't, or Warnings to Parents; by Serious Senior.—Sborník Lékařský; redigují Dr. Jaroslav Hlava and Dr. Josef Thomayer.—A Mad World: a Vision; by Ouida.—Goitre in the Himalayas; by Brigade-Surgeon William Curran.—The Protective Value of Anthrax Vaccination; by John H. Clarke, M.D.—Scientific Memoirs by Medical Officers of the Indian Army; edited by B. Simpson, M.D. Part I. (Calcutta).—Cholera and Water; by Surg.-Gen. M. C. Furnell, M.D.—Comments on Pasteur's Method of Treating Hydrophobia; by C. W. Dulles, M.D.—On the Origin, Habits, and Diffusion of Cholera; by Sir J. Fayer, K.C.S.I., M.D., F.R.S.—Cocaine in Hay Fever; by S. S. Bishop, M.D.—Ireland and Home Rule; by Joseph Cowen, M.P.—Official Register of Physicians and Midwives now in Practice to whom Certificates have been issued by the State Board of Health of Illinois.—Diseases of the Rectum; by Samuel Benton, L.R.C.P.L., M.R.C.S., &c. (Renshaw).—A Discourse on the Principles of Domestic Fireplace Construction; by T. P. Teale, M.A., F.R.C.S.—What is Medicine? by A. L. Gihon, M.D.—The Law and the Lunatic; by G. Sigerson, M.D. &c. (Hodges, Figgis, and Co., Dublin).—Note on Peritoneoclysis, Hypodermoclysis, and Vesicoclysis in Cholera; by Brigade-Surgeon C. Macdowall.—Loss of Life and Property by Lightning at Home and Abroad; by W. MacGregor.—Some Pathological Bearings of Darwinism; by D. A. Gresswell.—Our Young Ladies; by Lillie Harris. (Walter Scott, London).—A Controversy on Cholera between F. Contilló Vargas-Machuca and Joseph Bagetto, Ph.B., M.B. (Renshaw).—Electricity and Metallo-Therapeutics in their Application to Medicine; by Cresswell Hewett, M.D. (Baillière, Tindall, & Cox.)

Medical Diary for the ensuing Week.

Monday, March 29.

- ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, MOORFIELDS.**—Operations, 10.30 A.M., and each day at the same hour.
ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1.30 P.M., and each day at the same hour.
ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.; Tuesdays, same hour.
CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—Operations, 2.30 P.M.; Thursday, 2 P.M.
HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, SOHO-SQUARE.—Operations, 2 P.M., and on Thursday at the same hour.
METROPOLITAN FREE HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.
ROYAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.
CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITALS.—Operations, 2 P.M., and each day in the week at the same hour.
SOCIETY OF ARTS.—8 P.M. Mr. Boverton Redwood; Petroleum and its Products (Cantor Lecture).
MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—8.30 P.M. Dr. Day: Irritable Brain and Congestion of the Brain in Children.

Tuesday, March 30.

- GUY'S HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1.30 P.M., and on Friday at the same hour. Ophthalmic Operations on Mondays at 1.30 and Thursdays at 2 P.M.
ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—Ophthalmic Operations, 4 P.M.; Friday, 2 P.M.
CANCER HOSPITAL, BROMPTON.—Operations, 2.30 P.M.; Saturday, 2.30 P.M.
WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.
WEST LONDON HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2.30 P.M.
ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN.—3 P.M. Prof. Arthur Gamgee: The Function of Circulation.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 P.M. Dr. P. W. Latham: On some Points in the Pathology of Rheumatism, Gout, and Diabetes.
ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 P.M. Mr. Barwell: On Supra-pubic Lithotomy.—Mr. Rivington: A case of Vesical Calculus of unusually large size removed by Supra-pubic Cystotomy.—Mr. Jacobson: A case of Supra-pubic Lithotomy.

Wednesday, March 31.

- NATIONAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 10 A.M.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1 P.M.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1.30 P.M.; Saturday, same hour. Ophthalmic Operations, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1.30 P.M.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1.30 P.M. Skin Department, Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.30 A.M.
ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1.30 P.M.; Saturday, same hour.
LONDON HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.; Thursday & Saturday, same hour.
GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.
SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—Operations, 2.30 P.M.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.; Saturday, 2 P.M. Skin Department, 1.45 P.M.; Saturday, 9.15 A.M.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M., and on Saturday.
KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—Operations, 3 to 4 P.M.; and on Friday, 2 P.M.; and Saturday, 1 P.M.
SOCIETY OF ARTS.—8 P.M. Dr. T. R. Armitage: Methods for Rendering the Blind Self-supporting.

Thursday, April 1.

- ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1 P.M.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—Surgical Consultations, 1.30 P.M.
CHARING-CROSS HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.
NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2.30 P.M.
ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN.—3 P.M. Prof. Dewar: Electro-Chemistry.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 P.M. Dr. P. W. Latham: On some Points in the Pathology of Rheumatism, Gout, and Diabetes.
PARKES MUSEUM OF HYGIENE.—8 P.M. Dr. Louis Parkes: London Vestries and the Administration of Sanitary Law in the Metropolis.
HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.—8.30 P.M. On the Treatment of Obscure Forms of Uterine Metrorrhagia.

Friday, April 2.

- ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.**—Ophthalmic Operations, 1.30 P.M.
ROYAL SOUTH LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.
WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—8 P.M. Mr. Percy Dunn: (1) Scirrhus Growth of Breast; (2) Sac and Contents of large Femoral Hernia, with Gangrene of Walls; (3) Stomach from case of Carbolic Acid Poisoning.—Brigade-Surgeon Curran: Photographs of Elephantiasis and Oriental Boil, Native Indian Eye Probes, and Gallstones.—Mr. R. F. Benham: On Epileptiform Seizures due to Sudden Anæmia of the Brain.—Dr. Campbell Pope: Case of Epileptiform Seizure due to Irregular Cardiac Action.—Dr. G. N. Pitt: On Cardiac Dilatation at Puberty.
SOCIETY OF ARTS.—8 P.M. Mr. James Gibbs: The History of Archaeology in India.
ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN.—9 P.M. Mr. Howard Grubb: Telescope Objectives and Mirrors, their Preparation and Testing.

Saturday, April 3.

- MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN.—3 P.M. Mr. Howard Grubb: The Astronomical Telescope.
SOCIETY OF ARTS.—3 P.M. Prof. George Forbes: Electricity.